Home Going Celebration
For
BOBBIE JEAN HAYES

SUNRISE
June 12, 1936

SUNSET
May 20, 2019

Service:
Wednesday, May 29, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church
2621 Shane Drive
Richmond, CA 94806

Officiating
Reverend Kamal Hassan

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude . . . . . Elder George Spencer

Processional . . . . . .

Words of Comfort . . . . . Reverend Kamal Hassan

Hymn (Page 183) . . "I'll Fly Away" . . Elder George Spencer and Sojourner Choir

Pastoral Prayer . . . . . Reverend Kamal Hassan

Libation Ceremony . . . . . Reverend Dr. Jacquetta Y. Parhams
The Whole-Self Ministries, Tuskegee, Alabama

Obituary/Acknowledgements/Resolutions . . . . . Ms. Diahann Overall
Mrs. Cynthia Galimore-Foreman

Reflections . . . . . (2 Minutes, Please!) . . . . . .

Musical Selection . . . "I Won't Complain" . . . . . Mrs. Chrishenda Smith

(Scripture Readings)

Old Testament . . . . . Psalm 23 . . . . Presiding Elder Eloise Knox
Bell Chapel CME Church, San Francisco, CA

New Testament . . . . . 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 . . . . . Elder Terry Goodbeer
This Is Pentecost Fellowship Ministries, Sacramento, CA

Musical Selection . . . "He Who Holds My Hand" . . . . Mr. David Hartfield, Sr.

The Message & Eulogy . . . . . Reverend Kamal Hassan

Parting View/Postlude/Recessional . . . . . Rose Manor Staff

Musical Selections during Parting View . . . . . Mrs. Vivian Goodbeer

Repast

Please join us in the H. Eugene Farlough Fellowship Hall immediately Following the Celebration Service

Interment

Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 11:00 AM
Golden Gate National Cemetery
1300 Sneath Lane
San Bruno, California

The Dash Between the Years
of

BOBBIE JEAN HAYES

Bobbie Jean Bridgeman, affectionately known as Jean, Jeanie Girl, and BJ, was born June 12, 1936 in Texarkana, Texas to Alma and Annie Mae Bridgeman. She was the third born of seven children. In 1943, during the great migration, her parents moved the family to Richmond, California to work at the Richmond Shipyards settling into the South 24th St. Projects.

She attended Nystrom Elementary School, Roosevelt Junior High School and Richmond Union High School where she was an Honor Roll student and a manager of the girls' softball team. It was at Richmond Union High School where she met her high school sweetheart, Laurence "Sam" Hayes and in 1954, after attending Contra Costa College, she married Laurence, who went on to enlist in the United States Air Force becoming an Airman First-Class.

They soon were stationed in Arizona where they had two sons, Dale and Gary. They were later stationed in England, where Laurence had an automobile accident and passed away in 1959, leaving a wife and two sons ages four and two.

With strength and determination, Jean gathered her boys and returned to the United States to rebuild her life. She returned to Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, where she had been baptized at an early age by the late Reverend G. J. Williams. While a member, she connected with childhood friend, Bill Benford, and to that union their daughter Jacqueline was born.

In 1963, Bobbie began her career as a Civil Servant with the United States Navy located on Treasure Island. There, Bobbie worked in the Commissary and went on to advance to the Dental Supply Department. She devoted 30 years of service to the United States Navy.

Bobbie had a zest for life and had a wide range of interests. She was a member of the Orchette's Social Club in the 1960s. From there she expanded her social activities to include bowling, a walking group, and The Bay Area Book Club. Bobbie was also an Usher for the Paramount Theater in Oakland.

She was a member of the Eastern Star – Regina Chapter, where she served as a Chaplain. Bobbie was also a member of the Easter Hill Seniors as well as the North Richmond Seniors. She joined Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church under the leadership of the late Reverend H. Eugene Farlough and was an active member for over 35 years. She particularly enjoyed her contribution as member of the Delphia Mathews Circle, which was responsible for the beautification of the church. She was also a member of the Usher and Senior Ministries. Additionally, Bobbie regularly served the local community by volunteering at the Souper Kitchen in various capacities bringing her daughter and grandchildren along to participate. She also took meals and groceries to neighbors and friends in need.

Bobbie had a passion for cooking and was an active baker. One such example, which she thoroughly enjoyed, was making personalized birthday cakes for her grandchildren throughout the years. In 2003, at the ripe age of 67, she helped her daughter Jacqueline open a successful bakery in San Antonio, Texas.

Bobbie had an adventurous spirit. She visited nearly all 50 States and traveled internationally with trips to Panama, China, France, Italy, Greece, Germany, England, Aruba, Victoria British Columbia, Canada, Czech Republic, and all over the Caribbean. She was a collector of pigs, dancing Santas, and Black magazines. She enjoyed tending to her rose garden, playing Bid Whist, and going to the movies. Bobbie was devoted to watching jeopardy, westerns and sports; especially tennis, golf, and the Golden State Warriors.

She is preceded in death by her husband Laurence "Sam" Hayes; parents Alma and Annie Mae Bridgeman; brothers Ural, Harold, and Adolph; and sister Billie Joyce Smith. She leaves to mourn two sisters, Mary Louise Overall and Annie Lois Mitchell both of Richmond; two sons, Dale (Terri) Hayes of Vallejo, and Gary Hayes of Richmond; one daughter, Jacqueline Harris of Richmond; six grandchildren Derrick Hayes, Jacarri (Sholannda) Williams, Larry Hayes, Brandon Hayes, Britney Hayes, and Dale Hayes Jr; eleven great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

REFLECTIONS

Grandma,

I am proud to be a part of your legacy. You have directly and indirectly influenced the way that I live my life. You were a model of strength and courage. I was always inspired by how you lived your life on your terms. I appreciate your unconditional love and support throughout my life. Thank you for being the matriarch of our family. You will be missed.

~Love, Britney~

Grandma,

As your first grandchild, I want to send a special thank you. You've always stopped what you were doing to be with or next to me. From when I was born in Fresno to sitting watching Star Wars for the fifth time that day or to hurry down to Stockton when I made it to the High School state finals. For that, thank you for all the love that you gave me.

~Derrick~

Mom,

I want to thank you for your unwavering strength, your wisdom, guidance, and supporting me in becoming the man that I am. There are not enough words in existence to express my sincere gratitude. I am truly thankful for having you as my mother and best friend. I will love you always.

~Dale~

Grandma,

I know that no matter what, you will always be with me. When life separates us, I'll know it is only your soul saying goodbye to your body, but your spirit will be with me always. When I see a bird chirping on a nearby branch, I will know it is you singing to me. When a butterfly brushes gently by me so carefreely I will know it is you assuring me you are free from pain. When the gentle fragrance of a flower catches my attention, I will know it is you reminding me to appreciate the simple things in life. When the sun shining through my window awakens me, I will feel the warmth of your love. When I hear the rain pitter patter against my windowsill, I will hear your words of wisdom and will remember what you taught me so well that without rain trees cannot grow. Without rain, flowers cannot bloom without life's challenges, I cannot grow strong. When I look out to the sea I will think of your endless love for your family. No matter where I am, your spirit will be beside me for I know no matter what, you will always be with me.

~Jacarri~

Grandma,

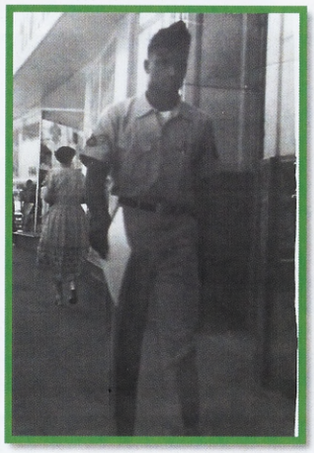
As we walk through the journey of life that you have paved the way ahead of us, I just ask for your strength, power, and love to be with us as we go through life's tests. We will always miss your presence but remember to cherish your life and times we spent together. Thank you for everything.

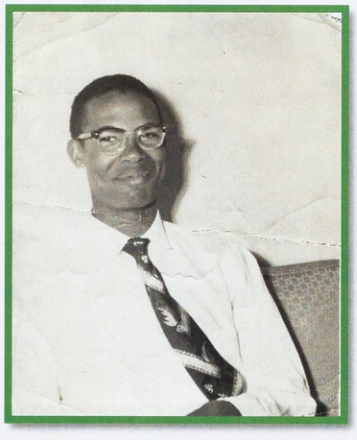
~Love Always, JR~

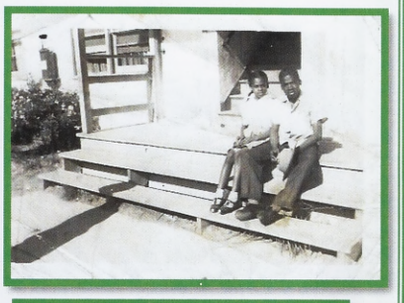
Mama,

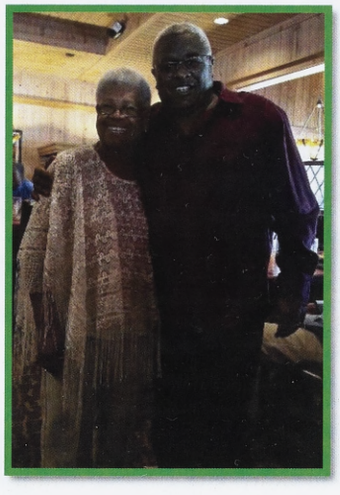
Words cannot express how I feel about you, my little Jeanie Girl. You were my first love. Thank you for how you taught me, cared for me, how you helped me, nurtured me, listened to me, and how you put up with me. Just only two words, but with so much meaning and emotion. I will forever miss our baking together, talking together, and traveling together. But I hear you speaking to me even today. I feel your presence in all my memories that I have with you. I love you mama and you are forever in my heart. I look to see you again!

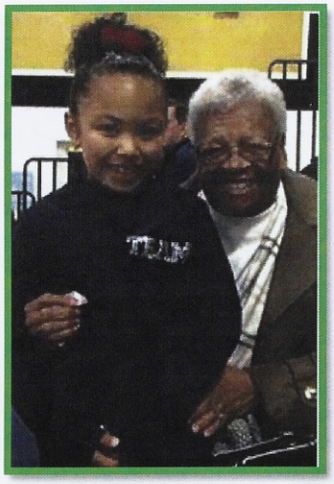
~Jackie~

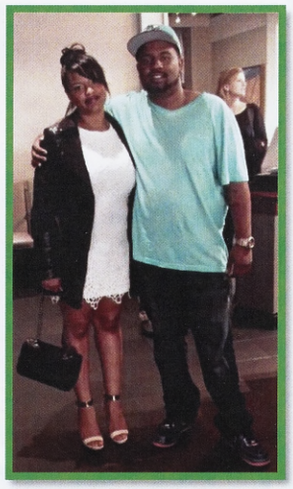












Bridgeman-Smith Family and Friends

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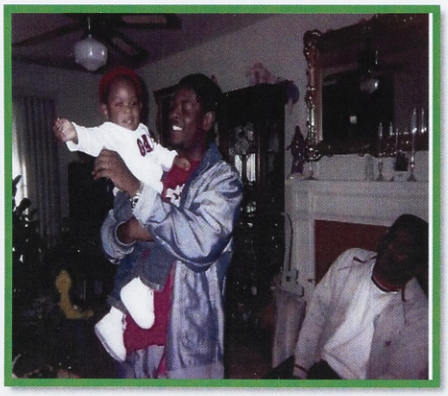

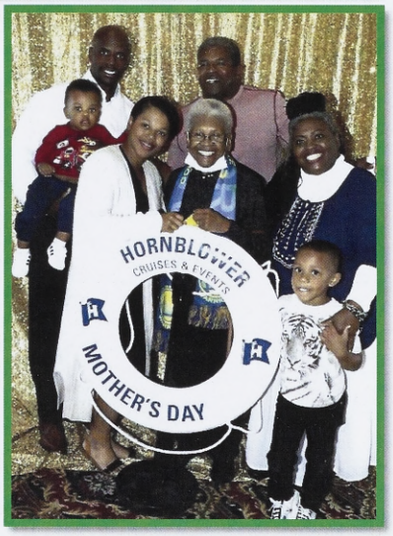
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MOTHER'S DAY

MOTHER TO SON

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor—
Bare.
But all the time
I'se been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So, boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps.
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now—
For I'se still goin', honey,
I'se still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

~Langston Hughes~

"Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God." *Matthew 5:8*

PALL BEARERS

Derrick Hayes
Laurence Hayes
Dale Hayes, Jr.
Jacarri Williams
Brandon Hayes
Bobby Amos

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With grateful and heartfelt appreciation our family would like to acknowledge all of those who have prayed, sent flowers, cards, brought food, and expressed their love.

~From the Family of Bobbie J. Hayes~

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To all her play sisters, friends, travel buddies, and club members for their companionship and support throughout the years. She enjoyed the journey.

"Jesus wept." *John 11:35*